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## PROSPECTIVE PLANTINGS – MARCH 1, 2015

### UTAH HIGHLIGHTS

As of March 1, Utah growers intend to plant 70,000 acres of **corn** for all purposes in 2015, down 5,000 acres and seven percent below last year's plantings, according to the Mountain Regional Field Office of the National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA. The area expected to be seeded to **oats**, at 25,000 acres, is up 5,000 acres from a year ago. Most of the oat acreage in Utah is harvested for hay. Growers intend to plant 32,000 acres of **barley** in 2015, unchanged from last year's actual plantings. **All wheat** acreage is expected to total 129,000 acres for 2015. **Winter wheat** seedings last fall for harvest in 2015 are estimated at 120,000 acres, unchanged from the 2014 crop. Growers intend to seed 9,000 acres of **spring wheat** this year, down 1,000 acres from last year. **Hay** producers in the State intend to harvest 630,000 acres this year. This is down 50,000 acres from the acreage cut for hay in 2014.

### UNITED STATES HIGHLIGHTS

**Corn** planted area for all purposes in 2015 is estimated at 89.2 million acres, down 2 percent from last year. If realized, this will be the third consecutive year of an acreage decline and would be the lowest planted acreage in the United States since 2010.

Area seeded to **oats** for the 2015 crop year is expected to total 2.93 million acres, up 8 percent from 2014. If realized, United States planted acres will be the fourth lowest on record. Record low planted acreage is estimated in Oregon, Texas, and Wyoming.

**Barley** producers intend to seed 3.26 million acres of barley for the 2015 crop year, up 10 percent from the previous year. If realized, this will be the fourth smallest seeded area on record. Record low acreage is expected in California, New York, and Utah.

**All wheat** planted area for 2015 is estimated at 55.4 million acres, down 3 percent from 2014. The 2015 winter wheat planted area, at 40.8 million acres, is down 4 percent from last year but up less than 1 percent from the previous estimate. Of this total, about 29.6 million acres are Hard Red Winter, 7.75 million acres are Soft Red Winter, and 3.43 million acres are White Winter. Area planted to other spring wheat for 2015 is estimated at 13.0 million acres, down slightly from 2014. Of this total, about 12.1 million acres are Hard Red Spring wheat.

Producers intend to harvest 57.1 million acres of **all dry hay** in 2015, virtually unchanged from 2014. Hay acreage is expected to increase in the Mid-Atlantic and Central Plains. However, this is offset by expected decreases across the Southern and Pacific States, as well as in the Upper Midwest. Record high acreage is expected in Louisiana. Record low acreage is expected in California, Illinois, Minnesota, and Ohio.

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